

1 SENATE BILL 244

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR COUNTY COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS
12 STATEWIDE; REQUIRING MATCHING FUNDS FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN THE
13 STATE.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.--

17 A. Two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000)
18 is appropriated from the general fund to the local government
19 division of the department of finance and administration for
20 expenditure in fiscal years 2021 through 2024 as follows, to
21 allocate state funding to counties as provided in this section
22 to remodel, renovate or construct courthouses, including
23 equipment and furnishings but excluding purchases of land or
24 buildings; provided that state funding shall be expended only
25 for courtrooms and court-related facilities:

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1 (1) one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000)
2 in fiscal year 2021; and

3 (2) fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) in
4 each fiscal year from 2022 through 2024.

5 B. If the administrative office of the courts is
6 unable to allocate the amounts specified for a fiscal year, the
7 remainder may be added to the next fiscal year's allocation
8 amount.

9 C. The administrative office of the courts shall
10 develop criteria for applications and allocations to county
11 governments, including requiring a fifty percent match from
12 each county that applies for each allocation pursuant to
13 Subsection A of this section from sources other than the state.
14 The administrative office of the courts shall monitor each
15 courthouse project for which an allocation has been made to
16 ensure timely expenditure of the allocation and progress toward
17 finishing the project in a reasonable time. The administrative
18 office of the courts shall ensure that every county that
19 receives an allocation pursuant to Subsection A of this section
20 shall revert any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
21 of the allocation to the general fund upon completion of the
22 courthouse project.

23 D. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
24 at the end of fiscal year 2024 from the appropriation made in
25 Subsection A of this section shall revert to the general fund.

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